

SCOUT POST CARDS -- THE HUMOROUS SIDE

Scouting was founded in England in 1907. Scout post cards started appearing almost immediately. Most of these depict leaders, camp scenes, and activities such as camping, games, knot tying, first aid, etc.

Scouts quickly became known for doing good turns, being good citizens, performing Scout activities, etc. and for their distinctive uniform and sharp appearance. But not everyone took the Scouts as seriously as some of their leaders did. Post cards with a sense of humor and poking fun at the Scouts soon came on the scene.

This is a "fun", noncompetitive exhibit displaying examples of the various post cards that appeared. Shown are selected early English post cards showing their subtle sense of humor, a cute US "good deed" post card, a variety of colorful post cards from Belgium and Czechoslovakia, US Boy Scout and Girl Scout camp post cards, and even a couple of "naughty" post cards -- one US and one French.



Part of a 1910 series of Scout post cards printed in England.

The English are already making fun of the neat, clean image of the Scouts. This is typical of the humorous post cards that followed through the years.